

## CONFERENCE WILL MEET WEDNESDAY

Virginia Methodists to Gather at Court Street Church, Lynchburg.

### BISHOP WILSON TO PRESIDE

Rev. W. A. Christian, of Richmond, Only Presiding Elder Who Has Served Time Limit.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Lynchburg, Va., November 10.—When the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convenes in Lynchburg on November 13 in the 150th annual session, it will be the seventeenth time that conference has met in this city. The first time the conference was held in Lynchburg was in 1838, and again in the following years: 1845, 1852, 1859, 1866, 1873, 1880, 1887, 1894, 1901, 1908 and 1914. Court Street Church is the church in which the conference will be held this year.

The Virginia Conference is one of the largest and one of the oldest of the forty-six general conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and is recognized as being composed of a body of men that is among the ablest in the church. The latest figures concerning the conference that are available show that the traveling preachers number 395; local preachers, 115; organized churches, 322, with a total church membership of 111,369. The number of adults baptized last year was 3,856, and the number of infants baptized 904.

There are 526 Sunday schools in the Virginia Conference, with 3,247 officers and teachers and 44,516 scholars enrolled. The number of conversions reported in the Sunday schools last year was 2,564. The Epworth League of the conference number seventy-one, and the Epworth League members 2,990.

There are ten districts in the Virginia Conference, hence ten presiding elders. Only twenty-six changes in the appointments of the preachers will be compelled on account of the four-year "time limit" this year, and the only presiding elder included in that number is Rev. W. A. Christian, D. D., of the Richmond District. Eight of the presiding elders will have served their present districts three years with the coming of this session of the conference, and in the remaining district the presiding elder will have completed two years.

**Bishop Wilson to Preside.** Bishop Alpheus W. Wilson, of Baltimore, will preside over the session of the Virginia Conference this year. He is the senior bishop of the church and has held this conference a number of times. It is probable that Bishop Collins Denny, of Richmond, will be present also.

The total amount of money contributed by the Virginia Conference last year to all causes was \$85,815, this being an average contribution per member of \$1.96. The amount contributed for traveling expenses of presiding elders was \$1,108; salary of presiding elders, \$20,566.31; rental of district parsonages, \$1,973; salary of pastors, \$221,917.12; rental of parsonages, \$24,148.55; contributed to orphanage, \$17,426.55; to American Bible Society, \$1,534.55; to bishops' fund, \$4,399.52; to church extension, \$11,456.52; to education, \$4,259.81; to Randolph-Macon College, \$6,359.75; to conference claimants, \$29,292.61; to home and conference missions, \$29,458.63; to foreign missions, \$29,587.82; to all other causes, \$292,647.96. The amount received from children's day collections was \$1,575.75.

It is probable that in no conference of the church did the missionary societies of the women make a more creditable showing in their contributions than did these societies in the Virginia Conference last year. The amount contributed by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was \$20,173.25, being only about \$5,000 less than the amount contributed by the entire conference.

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for foreign missions. The Woman's Home Mission Society contributed \$10,026, and the entire conference gave to the cause of home missions very little more than \$1,000 in excess of this gift of the women's societies.

The Rosebush Society contributed liberally to missions also, the auxiliaries of the children composing this society having given \$1,251.52.

The conference will begin its sessions on Wednesday morning, November 13, and it is probable that it will not adjourn until Tuesday of the following week. In addition to the regular routine business of the conference to be transacted, it is not unlikely that additional features of special interest will mark the session.

Only three other conferences of the church will be in session at the same time the Virginia Conference is being held, hence it is probable that quite a number of the confessional officers of the church, the secretaries representing the various general interests, will be present and address the body while in session in Lynchburg.

### Drowned While Hunting.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Elizabeth City, N. C., November 10.—News has been received here from Nags Head of the drowning of Oscar Frederick, a Swede, which happened there Thursday afternoon. Frederick went from Elizabeth City to Nags Head several days ago with a party of friends to spend several days hunting. He went out in the Fresh Pond alone in a boat to shoot game. He did not return and his friends became alarmed and went in search of him. They found the boat floating in the ponds and his gun was in the bottom of the boat, but no trace could be found of the missing man. The alarm was given and searching parties were organized and a diligent search has been kept up since for his body. Frederick, who was a native of Copenhagen, was an employee of the Elizabeth City Iron Works.

### FINAL ARGUMENTS IN ANNEXATION CASE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Alexandria, Va., November 10.—Final arguments in the annexation suit of the city, the object of which is to obtain a part of Alexandria and Fairfax Counties, is slated to be heard in the Circuit Court for Alexandria County Wednesday next before Judge Bennett T. Gordon, of Nelson County. The principal argument on behalf of Alexandria County will be made by A. J. Montague, former Governor of Virginia, while for Fairfax County the chief argument will be made by Attorney John S. Harbut, and for the city arguments will be made by Corporation Attorney Samuel P. Fisher and Attorneys S. G. Bren and John M. Johnson.

It is expected that the arguments will last fully two days, and that following the arguments the court will announce its decision in the case. The case was heard some time ago before Judge Gordon in the same court.

## SUPERVISORS ISSUE WARNING TO HUNTERS

Season for Shooting Game Birds and Animals Will Not Open Until December 1—To Continue Improvement of Streets.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Winchester, Va., November 10.—Warnings have been sent out by the supervisors of Frederick County to hunters that the season for shooting game birds and game animals, except rabbits, has been shortened, and that the season will not open until December 1, and then it will continue only during that month. It has been reported to the supervisors that a general slaughter of game birds was in progress and game wardens have been notified to arrest violators of the law on sight. Game birds are said to be unusually scarce in the western part of the county, and that section furnishes the greater part of the game.

J. M. MacFarland, a half-brother of H. D. Fuller, of Winchester, has been elected a member of the Nebraska State Senate from Douglas County on the Republican ticket. Asbury Kern, son of Estlin Kern, of Winchester, has been elected prosecuting attorney of Wittsburg County, Wash., on the Progressive Republican ticket. Young Mr. Kern, who is a graduate of the University of Virginia, has been practicing law at Ellensburg, Wash., for several years. His sisters, Misses Elizabeth and Jessie Kern, who live with him, and who are registered voters of Ellensburg, cast their first ballots for him.

At a meeting of the Common Council, held Friday night, it was decided to continue the bid street and sidewalk improvement program in Winchester, even if it becomes necessary to increase the bonded indebtedness of the city. During the past few years many thousands of dollars have been expended by the street committee for concrete sidewalks and improved streets, and the movement has met with so much favor that the city is determined to continue the policy until every old sidewalk in the town is replaced by one made of concrete.

Work has been started here on a large substation by the Winchester and Washington City Railway Company, which furnishes electricity to a number of cities and towns in this section of Virginia and West Virginia for commercial, manufacturing and public and private illuminating purposes, and by the time the new station is completed the service here will have been greatly improved. New high tension wires are also being strung in this city.

A. T. Tinsman, a stonemason, formerly of Clarke County, but who has been living here for several years, has been indicted on five charges of selling liquor in violation of the Federal, State and local laws. He was fined \$150 each on two charges and sent to jail for five days on each of the other three charges. The case against Tinsman was worked up by City Letter Carrier John A. Kern, who has been successful in a number of cases of a similar character for the Anti-Saloon League.

John N. Hall, aged seventy years, of Fishers Hill, is dead as a result of being struck last week by a Southern Railway passenger train near Strasburg while driving over a crossing. A number of bones were broken, and he also suffered internal injuries. He lay in a state of coma for several days and then expired.

The remains of Jerome Hauptman, a prominent and wealthy resident of Clarke County, who died at Boyce after a lingering illness, were interred a few days ago in Mount Hebron Cemetery, this city. He was a native of Lancaster County, Pa., and is survived by a wife, a number of sons, three daughters and several brothers and sisters.

Dr. Robert P. Cooke, member of the noted Virginia family of that name, who married Miss Nellie Virginia Jones, of Winchester, last week while he lay on a bed ill, died of typhoid fever at his home at Front Royal, is reported to be out of danger, although at one time it was feared he would not recover. His bride, who was and is still his nurse, is a daughter of Mrs. Page Jones, formerly of this city, but now of Macon, Ga., and she graduated a few years since from the nurses' training school of Winchester Memorial Hospital. Dr. Cooke is a near relative of the late John Esten Cooke, the author, and was a surgeon in the United States Navy.

Mrs. Kate Graber, widow of John

Graber, received a telegram several days ago announcing the death of her son, Theodore, of Columbus, Ohio, sixty-six years old, which occurred at his home in Deland, Fla., where he had been living for thirty years, and a day or two later she received a message from Columbus, O., stating that her brother-in-law, Anthony Graber, who left here a month ago, had died at the home of his brother, George Graber, of tuberculosis and complications. Mr. Graber, who was a son of the late John Casper Bernard Graber, of Baltimore, was born in that city about forty-six years ago, and was unmarried. He leaves two brothers, George Graber, of Columbus, and Joseph Graber, of Boston, Mass., and one sister, Mrs. W. H. Wheeler, of Columbus. His remains were interred in Columbus, while those of Mrs. Graber's brother, Mr. Kremer, were interred in Deland, where he leaves a widow, formerly Miss Virginia Kurtz, of Winchester, and one daughter, Miss Nellie Kremer.

A Baltimore and Ohio Railroad water tank of 30,000 gallons capacity, situated in the Winchester yards and directly in the rear of a long row of dwellings, collapsed without a moment's warning early yesterday morning and created consternation in the neighborhood. The report resembled the collapse of a large building, and when the contents of the tank fell to the ground the water washed away a large fence in rear of Baker & Company's warehouse and flooded the company's hitching yard. Two horses that had been left there during the night took fright and ran madly about the premises, unable to get out. A new tank is now being erected.

Clinton K. Foley and Miss Edie D. Hardesty, both of Berkeley, Va., were married a few days ago at Charlottesville, Va., by Rev. H. M. Moffett, the ceremony being performed at the Presbyterian manse.

Arthur Athey, who was accidentally shot just a year ago by George L. Brawner while they were hunting rabbits in Frederick County, was shot by the same man while they were similarly engaged a day or two ago, and in the same vicinity. The shots scattered, however, and the young man's injuries are not serious.

Amos Shryock, son of Fred A. Shryock, a wealthy apple dealer, is in Winchester Memorial Hospital, suffering from a fractured skull and fractured leg, as a result of being knocked off a freight car on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at a siding near his father's warehouse in the southern suburbs of Winchester. He was taking the number of the car, which was about to be shipped. A year or two ago his skull was fractured when he was kicked by a horse.

### D. A. R. CONVENTION ENDS.

Visitors Delightfully Entertained in Asheville—Good Roads Movement.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Asheville, N. C., November 10.—The twelfth annual convention of the North Carolina Daughters of the American Revolution was held in this city last week at the Battery Park Hotel. The two days' session closed Thursday night, after the following officers had been elected for the coming year: Mrs. William Reynolds, of Winston-Salem, State regent; Mrs. A. L. Smith, of Charlotte, vice-regent; Mrs. W. P. Mercer, of Tarboro, recording secretary; Mrs. Edwin Overman, of Salisbury, recording secretary; Miss Cora Leo Hall, of Charlotte, treasurer; Miss Laura Orr, of Charlotte, historian; Mrs. Theodore S. Morris, of Asheville, chaplain; Miss Grace Jones, of Asheville, registrar; Mrs. John Van Landingham, of Charlotte, vice-president-general.

The convention was featured by addresses by members of national note, and many social events were held in the history of the state organization. At the next session of the State Lodge, the good roads associations and motor clubs of this State will have representatives in Raleigh for the purpose of urging that the Assembly provide for laws which will result in a better system of roads throughout this State. The movement for united action by all of the organizations which are interested in better highways was launched at last Thursday's meeting of the Good Roads Association of Asheville and Buncombe County, and a large number of other organizations have expressed their intention of sending delegates to the State capital for the purpose of working in the interest of good roads legislation.

The Methodist Colony Company, it is stated, has made definite arrangements for the establishment of a non-denominational study and recreation ground near Black Mountain, N. C. Options have been secured on 125 acres of land, which is ideally situated for the establishment of such an institution, and little doubt is felt but that the colony will be started within the very near future. It is planned to make many improvements, build an auditorium and construct homes for persons who will spend their summers at the colony. President Jerome Board of the University of Oklahoma, is the president of the company, and Rev. W. G. Mallonee, of Black Mountain, is the secretary. Among the vice-presidents are Dr. D. Atkins, of Weaverville, N. C., and Rev. J. P. Nublett, of Cottageville, S. C.

The Democrats of this county have arranged for a jubilation meeting and celebration, which will be held here, on Park Square, Tuesday night. The celebration will include a torchlight procession and speeches by prominent Democratic nominees and workers. Governor-Elect Locke Craig will be here for the occasion, and Congressman James M. Gadsden, Jr., will be one of the speakers. Senator F. M. Simmons has been invited to attend, but will be unable to be here on account of his health, which is very poor.

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ORGANIZED AT BOYKINS

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Boykins, Va., November 10.—The Boykins Chamber of Commerce, composed of representative citizens and business men of the town, completed its organization Friday night, with Guy T. Horner, Esq., president; R. H. Powell, first vice-president; W. A. Powell, second vice-president; Dr. J. M. Hland, third vice-president; R. C. Knight, treasurer; S. S. Benton, secretary, and Eugene Draper, assistant secretary. H. A. Moore, Dr. B. L. Brooks and F. H. Benton compose the executive committee.

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## SIX MONTHS TERM FIXED AS MINIMUM

One Feature of Program to Be Urged Upon North Carolina Legislature.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Raleigh, N. C., November 10.—A legislative program has just been agreed upon by the legislative committee of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly, to be urged upon the North Carolina Legislature, which convenes early in January. This program will be submitted to the Teachers' Assembly, when it convenes in Greensboro on November 26. A minimum school term of six months instead of four months is a special feature of the proposed program. It is proposed to be secured by a tax increase in public school conditions. A tax of 2 cents on the \$100 property valuation, and the six months' minimum being exclusive of the special tax levies by districts. Another change proposed is for the county, instead of the township, to be the unit for the apportionment of school funds.

The committee endorsed the recommendation that the State Child Labor Commission that the age limit for employment at night labor in factories shall be sixteen years; prohibiting the employment of women at night labor, and urging inspection as to compliance with child labor laws.

Uniform examination and certification of teachers, urban and rural, by the State Board of Examiners; minimum professional and scholarship requirements for teachers and county superintendents after a reasonable future date amendment of the compulsory school laws so as to more effectively enforce the laws and an active campaign for the spread of compulsory attendance into every part of the State; indorsement of agricultural and domestic science courses in rural high schools, are some of the other reforms advocated.

The Raleigh police are looking for thieves who broke into the drug store of Major James I. Johnson, on Martin Street, stole \$160 from the safe, the combination of which they worked. They scattered valuable papers and checks about the floor and broke into the cash register, which had very little money in it.

## EFFORT TO SAVE SUTHERLIN HOME

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Danville, Va., November 10.—A concerted action has been set on foot by a number of Danville's most prominent citizens to acquire the old Sutherland estate, on Main Street, and thereby prevent it from being subdivided into building lots, which is the present plan of the estate administrators.

Several mass meetings have been held relative to the preservation of the last White House of the Confederacy, and the Danville Confederate Memorial Association has been formed and an offer of \$48,000 has been made to the administrators of the estate as a whole, \$10,000 of which will be paid by cash raised by public subscription and the remainder to be secured by a

lien on the property at 5 per cent per annum.

The historic associations connected with the residence of the late Major W. T. Sutherland, which is, as many people know, the last home that sheltered President Jefferson Davis, of the Southern Confederacy, no less than the natural beauty of the splendid grove of ancient oaks, have aroused Danville citizens to a high pitch of enthusiasm, and much resentment has been manifested at the suggested subdivision of the estate, which would thus destroy its identity.

More particularly have the local chapters of the Daughters of the Confederacy and the veterans been loud in condemning the proposed act, and it is being suggested on all sides that the city acquire the property and convert it to some public use.

From a more practical and less sentimental viewpoint, the Sutherland estate is an almost ideal location as the site of a city park, and the present is an admirable opportunity to secure such a park. Little or no expenditure would be needed to convert the land to park use, and the splendid old building, with its colonial dignity, which nothing can erase, would be well adapted to conversion into a public library and a repository of historic relics.

The property stands in the most desirable portion of the city. It fronts on Main Street, extending from Holbrook Avenue to Sutherland Avenue, and runs back to the depth of the usual city block. There is little doubt but that the \$10,000 to be used as a cash payment can be raised in the event the estate administrators accept the above-mentioned offer, for already a number of wealthy citizens and natives who have long since left Danville have offered to donate to the worthy object. The Ann Eliza Johns Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy has pledged the sum of \$1,500, \$1,500 which would be paid at once, the remainder to be paid at a later date.

Out of Town Jury Wanted.

Alexandria, Va., November 10.—When the case of Lewis Hood, former secretary and general manager of the defunct Mercantile Railway, Building and Loan Association, is called in the Corporation Court Tuesday next, arguments will be made for an out of town jury. A postponement will be made of the case until some other term of court.

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